FISCAL NOTE

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SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges and encourages the University of Tennessee to study the feasibility of developing and implementing an external degree program in order that non-traditional students may be afforded equal access to a college education. This program would be available statewide to all Tennesseans including those who are disabled, senior citizens and/or are economically disadvantaged so as to be unable to pursue a traditional undergraduate degree program on an existing University of Tennessee campus.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

This estimate is based on the cost of conducting a feasibility study of developing such a program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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	1st Year		2nd Year	
	Recurring	Non-Recur.	Recurring	Non-Recur.
Expenditures				
Initial study of other state projects & program planning		$ 50,000		
Program development		138,000	$ 50,000	
Office of Special Studies: 1 Administrative, 2 Support	$ 71,400		71,400	
Operating & Equipment	100,000		100,000	
Travel expense for faculty & staff to evaluate, admit & introduce new students to program		15,000		15,000
Cost associated with estimated student enrollment of 500 ($9,433* est. cost for full-time traditional students x 1.5 to estimate cost of external degree student x 500)			7,074,750	
Total Inc. in State Expen.	$171,400	$203,000	$7,296,150	$15,000
Revenues				
Service fee to defray costs			$ 75,000	

Note: Est. cost per student calculation based on UT Knoxville data:
Fall/Spring In-state fees $1,940
State Appropriation per student   7,493
$9,433*

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